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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, and 6 are amended hereby. Claim 4 is canceled. No claims are newly added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-11 will remain pending.

In the non-final Office Action dated July 6, 2007, the Examiner stated that the Abstract does not appear on a separate page of the application. Accordingly, the Examiner required the presentation of a new Abstract on a separate sheet. In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application, as-filed, does present an Abstract on a separate sheet. However, for the sake of expediency, the Applicant attaches the Abstract filed with this application. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that this objection has been addressed. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Abstract.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the Title of the invention, requesting a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. While the Applicant respectfully disagrees with this objection, the Applicant respectfully submits a new title for this application for the Examiner's consideration. The Applicant respectfully submits that the new Title is appropriate and that the objection to the Title should be withdrawn.

Turning to the substantive rejections of the claims, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Parker (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0219084). Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker in view of Harada et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0184561). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker in view of Ohtaki et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0052205). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with each of these rejections and, therefore, respectfully traverses the same.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that claims 4-6 include allowable subject matter. The Examiner conveyed that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

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While the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections of the claims, the Applicant has elected to pursue the allowable subject matter without prejudice to the Applicant's right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in a further application. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter formerly recited by claim 4. In so doing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 has been placed into condition for allowance. Since all of the remaining claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1-3 and 5-11 are in a condition for allowance.

Each of the rejections having been addressed, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and pass this application quickly to issuance.

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